



GT

2-Channel Amplifier Owners Manual

GT-275

GT-2125

GT-2200

GT-2300

Introduction

Thank you for choosing Boston Acoustics and congratulations on your purchase of the Boston GT Amplifier. If you own other Boston products, the outstanding audio performance and ease-of-use of the GT Amplifier should come as no surprise. If you're new to Boston, welcome – we think you've made a great choice.

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Parts List

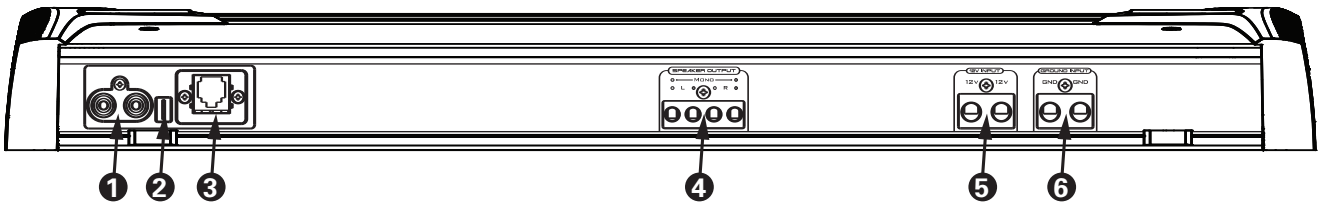
Included Hardware:	GT-275	GT-2125	GT-2200	GT-2300
<i>Installation Manual</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>Female Quick-Connect Terminal</i> <i>(for remote turn-on input)</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>2mm Hex Wrench</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>3mm Hex Wrench</i>	1	1	1	1
<i>Mounting Screws</i>	4	4	4	6

Specifications

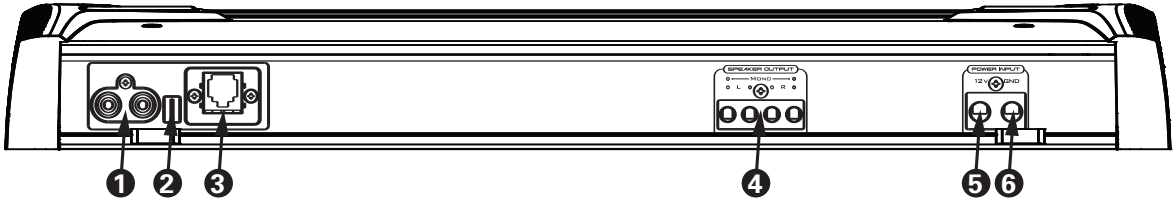
Technical Specifications:	GT-275	GT-2125	GT-2200	GT-2300
<i>Rated Power (CEA-2006-A):</i>				
<i>@ 4-Ohm (Stereo):</i>	75 Watts x 2	125 Watts x 2	200 Watts x 2	300 Watts x 2
<i>@ 2-Ohm (Stereo)</i>	120 Watts x 2	200 Watts x 2	350 Watts x 2	500 Watts x 2
<i>@ 4-Ohm (Mono)</i>	225 Watts x 1	400 Watts x 1	700 Watts x 1	1000 Watts x 1
<i>@ 2-Ohm (Mono)</i>	300 Watts x 1	600 Watts x 1	900 Watts x 1	1400 Watts x 1
<i>Rated Power (12v):</i>				
<i>@ 4-Ohm (Stereo):</i>	55 Watts x 2	95 Watts x 2	160 Watts x 2	260 Watts x 2
<i>@ 2-Ohm (Mono)</i>	230 Watts x 1	475 Watts x 1	750 Watts x 1	1175 Watts x 1
<i>Frequency Response (-3dB):</i>	10Hz-95kHz	10Hz-95kHz	10Hz-95kHz	10Hz-95kHz
<i>Signal-to-Noise Ratio (A Weighted):</i>	>100dB	>100dB	>100dB	>100dB
<i>THD+N:</i>	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
<i>HighPass Crossover:</i>				
<i>Frequency Range:</i>	20Hz - 350Hz	20Hz - 350Hz	20Hz - 350Hz	20Hz - 350Hz
<i>Slope (dB Per Octave):</i>	12dB	12dB	12dB	12dB
<i>LowPass Crossover:</i>				
<i>Frequency Range:</i>	50Hz - 350Hz	50Hz - 350Hz	50Hz - 350Hz	50Hz - 350Hz
<i>Slope (dB Per Octave):</i>	12dB or 24dB	12dB or 24dB	12dB or 24dB	12dB or 24dB
<i>Signal Voltage Input Range:</i>	200mv - 8v	200mv - 8v	200mv - 8v	200mv - 8v
<i>Fuse Amp Rating:</i>	30 Amp	40 Amp	70 Amp	100 Amp
<i>Dimensions:</i>				
<i>Width:</i>	8 ¾" (223mm)	13 ¼" (337mm)	18 ¾" (477mm)	22 ¼" (566mm)
<i>Height:</i>	2 ⅜" (61mm)	2 ⅜" (61mm)	2 ⅜" (61mm)	2 ⅜" (61mm)
<i>Depth:</i>	9" (229mm)	9" (229mm)	9" (229mm)	9" (229mm)

Connections

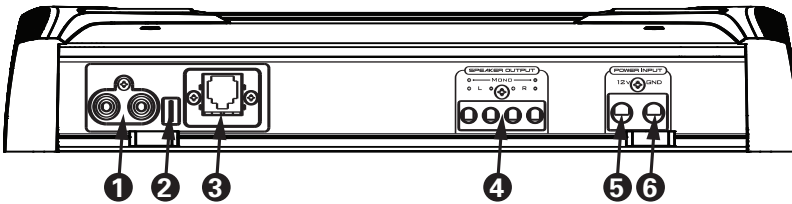
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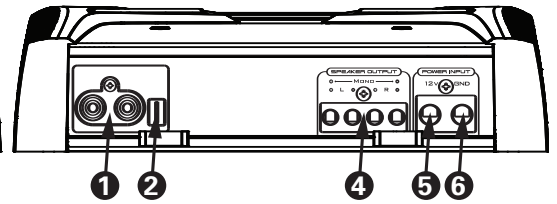
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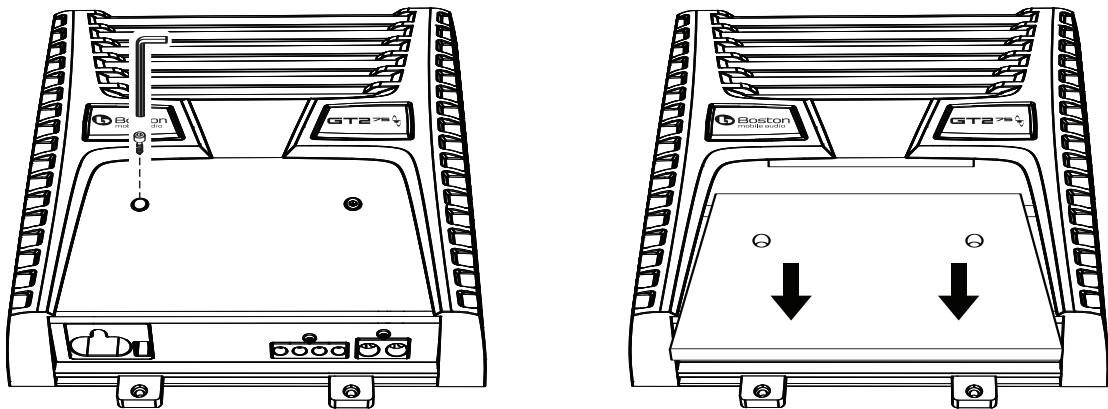


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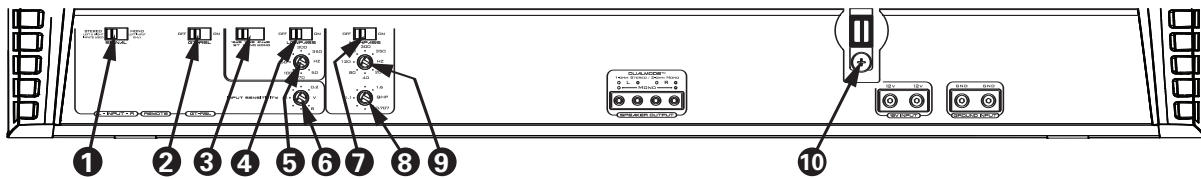
- ❶ Stereo RCA Input
- ❷ Remote Turn-On (female spade connector supplied)
- ❸ Remote Gain Port (refer to GT-RSL manual for installation instruction)
- ❹ Left/Right/Mono Speaker Outputs (12-gauge accepted)
- ❺ 12v Power Input (4-gauge accepted)
- ❻ Ground Wire Input (4-gauge accepted)

Top Panel Removal / Installation

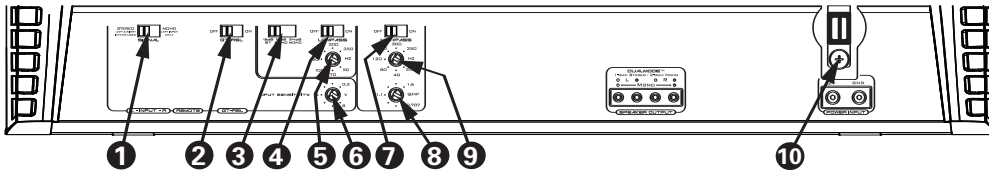


The cover panel is secured with two (2) 3mm screws. Once unscrewed, pull panel forward, once clear of the corners of the end panels, it will lift off. Reverse to reinstall.

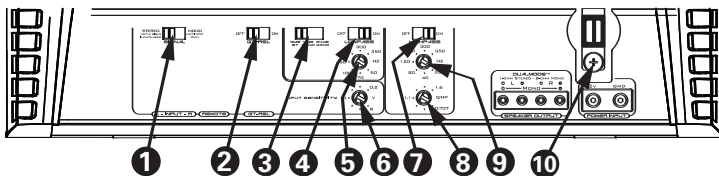
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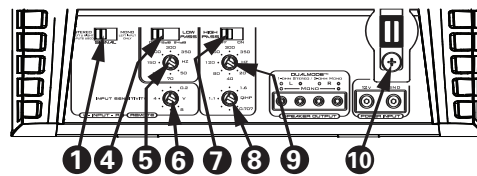
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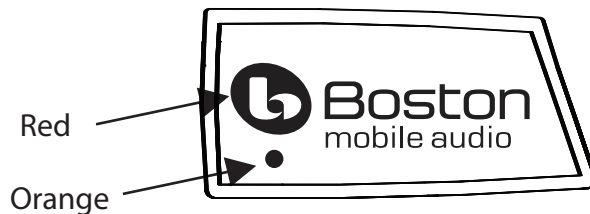


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- ❶ Stereo/Mono Switch
- ❷ Remote Gain OFF/ON Switch (ON when using GT-RSL)
- ❸ Lowpass Slope Switch (12dB Stereo, 12dB Mono, or 24dB Mono)
- ❹ Lowpass Crossover OFF/ON Switch (OFF/12dB/24dB on GT-275)
- ❺ Lowpass Frequency Adjustment (50Hz to 350Hz - continuously variable)
- ❻ Input Sensitivity (250mv to 8.0v - continuously variable)
- ❼ Highpass Crossover OFF/ON Switch
- ❽ Highpass Crossover Q-Tune™ Adjustment (0.707 to 1.6 - continuously variable)
- ❾ Highpass Frequency Adjustment (20Hz to 350Hz - continuously variable)
- ❿ Fuse (replace with same value mini ANL only, refer to specifications on page 3)

Status LEDs



The Boston Logo will illuminate "Red" under normal operating conditions.

The Orange LED (not visible unless lit) will illuminate during start-up and under fault conditions. If this is illuminated after start-up, please refer to troubleshooting on page 12.

Installation - General

WARNING! Before driving the amplifier mounting screws through any surface, be sure of what is behind that surface. Check for the gas tank, brake lines, and any vehicle wiring harness. Never run wires outside or under the vehicle or where they could become broken or interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.

Before You Install

Before you install the unit, disconnect the negative (-) battery cable in the engine compartment of the vehicle. Doing so will prevent damage to both the electrical system of the vehicle and the amplifier during installation.

Battery and Charging System

In order for the amplifier to function correctly, the electrical system of the vehicle should be professionally checked for overall electrical capacity. When used, the amplifier will increase the demand on the battery and alternator. Therefore, both should be thoroughly evaluated before installing the amplifier to ensure they are in normal operating condition and able to handle the increased demand the amplifier will present to the vehicle's electrical system.

Wire Routing

Do not run the power wire near any low-level signals or audio cables such as the RCAs from the head unit. Noise can be introduced into the amplifier when this occurs. It is helpful to diagram the wire layout first before any installation is initiated.

Choose the Mounting Location

Plan your installation so that the amplifier is mounted where adequate ventilation is available. *Never mount an amplifier in the engine compartment of a vehicle!*

WARNING! *Before driving the mounting screws through any surface, be sure of what lies behind that surface. Check for gas tank, brake lines, and any vehicle wiring harness.*

Passenger and Trunk Compartment Mounting

If the amplifier is mounted under a seat, be sure that the vents do not become blocked. Do not allow seat padding or other obstructive material to press down on the amplifier.

All Boston GT® amplifiers have top panel controls. If the amplifier is mounted under a seat, position the amplifier so the cover panel can be removed with the seat forward or back to allow adjustment of the audio settings.

When mounting in a trunk, choose a location that will be protected from sliding cargo or other materials. Mount the amplifier to solid surfaces only. Do not mount to plastic trim panels. Do not mount the amplifier with Velcro, double-stick tape, or by wedging into position. Amplifier should be mounted using the movable mounting feet and the provided mounting screws.

Multi-Position Mounting Feet

The mounting feet are designed to slide in both directions to clear installation obstructions on the mounting surface.

Vents (Side and Rear)

The cooling vents must be kept clear of obstructions once the amplifier is installed. If the vents are obstructed, this could lead to premature thermal shutdown or amplifier failure.

Amplifier Fuses

Although the amplifier has an internal fuse, additional fuse protection should be installed as close as possible to the battery on the positive (+) power wire going to the amplifier. An inline fuse should be installed at no more than 18" (46cm) on the positive (+) power wire. The rating of the inline fuse should equal the value of the internal fuse of the amplifier if only the single amplifier is connected to this wire. If other devices are connected to this wire, the fuse value should be of sufficient capacity to handle the demand.

Wire Gauge

The amplifier accepts up to 4-gauge stripped wire at the DC power and ground input terminals, and 4-gauge is recommended. Wire runs should be kept to the minimum practical length.

Power 12v and Ground (GND) Connection

Strip approximately $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16mm) of insulation. The positive (+) power wire is installed into the amplifier terminal marked "12v". The negative (-) wire is installed into the terminal marked "GND". The ground wire should be as short as possible and connected directly to the chassis of the vehicle. Make sure that the chassis connection point is free of rust, grease, dirt, paint, and other materials that may insulate the ground wire from making proper connection. Tighten the 12v and GND terminals with the supplied 3mm hex wrench to secure the wire into the terminals. If the power wire must be routed through a drilled or existing hole, use a nylon panel grommet to prevent the insulation from fraying. Failure to do so could lead to an electrical short if the wire insulation is worn through and the power wire is shorted to ground.

Remote Input Connection

Use the supplied FEMALE quick-connect terminal to connect the REMOTE trigger lead from the head unit to the amplifier. Crimp connector to wire from head unit that controls remote turn-on (refer to head unit owner's manual). Once the quick-connect terminal is crimped into place, carefully push connector onto recessed MALE REMOTE terminal adjacent to the RCA input pair (refer to the diagram on page 4).

Speaker Output Connection

Prepare each wire by stripping approximately $\frac{5}{8}$ " (16mm) of insulation. The positive (+) speaker wires are installed into the amplifier terminals marked "SPEAKER OUTPUT" / "+" (refer to the diagram on page 4). The negative (-) speaker wires are installed into the amplifier terminals marked "SPEAKER OUTPUT" / "-". Tighten the "SPEAKER OUTPUT", "+", and "-" terminals with the supplied 2mm hex wrench to secure the wires into the terminals. If the speaker wires must be routed through a drilled or existing hole, use a nylon panel grommet to prevent fraying the wire insulation. Failure to do so could lead to an electrical short if the wire insulation is worn through and the speaker wires are shorted to ground.

Mono Subwoofer Operation

When the amplifier is configured for mono operation, use the speaker output terminals marked for mono use (refer to the diagram on page 4).

WARNING! Subwoofer impedance must not fall below 2 ohms when in MONO mode.

Tuning The Amplifier - Front or Rear Speakers

1) Music

The material chosen for head unit/amplifier system setup must be both clear in recording quality and dynamic in amplitude. Many audiophile “test” discs have musical tracks with both of these characteristics and should be used.

2) Input Sensitivity Control

Turn control all the way counterclockwise (minimum position). In this position, the amplifier will be less sensitive to the input signal from the head unit (refer to the diagram on page 5).

3) Highpass & Lowpass Crossover Controls

Crossovers should be turned “OFF” during this phase of setup . Move the HIGHPASS and LOWPASS switches to the “OFF” position (refer to the diagram on page 5), with these settings, full-range signal is sent to the speaker outputs. If over-excursion is detected from speakers, move HIGHPASS switch to “ON” and slowly rotate clockwise until over-excursion is eliminated.

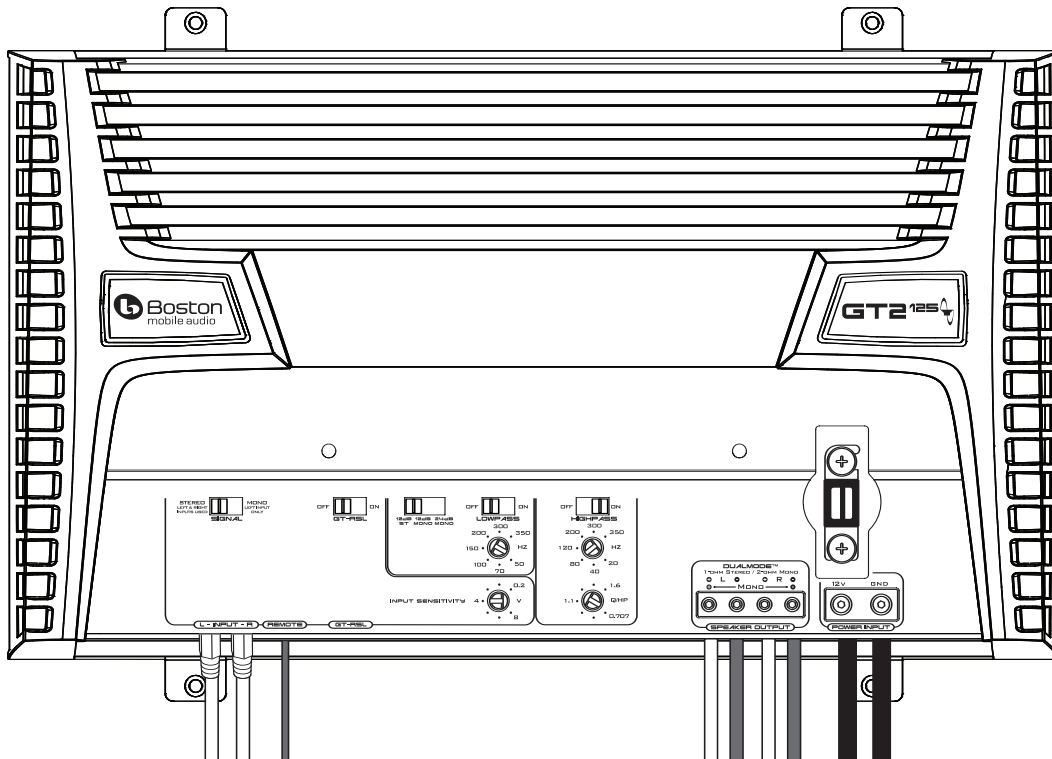
4) Head Unit

The head unit should have all controls such as bass, treble, balance, and fader set to the flat or centered position. The volume control should be at the minimum setting. If the head unit has any equalization or bass management features such as *boost*, they should be defeated at this time. Turn head unit on, and verify that the RED status LED (logo) is illuminated on the amplifier.

5) Volume

With the chosen musical track playing, turn the head unit volume control up until the maximum level of undistorted signal is heard from the speakers. (For most head units, this will be near the end of the volume control range.)

WARNING! A distorted signal from the head unit sent to the amplifier can cause loudspeaker failure at higher listening levels.



2-Channel Highpass Operation Switch Configuration Diagram

Tuning The Amplifier - Front or Rear Speakers

6) Input Sensitivity Control

Slowly rotate the control clockwise (refer to the diagram on page 5) until maximum undistorted playing level is heard from the speakers. Listen closely for bottoming from the speakers. If detected, rotate the input sensitivity control counterclockwise until it is eliminated.

7) Crossover Controls

To achieve higher undistorted playing levels from the main speakers, the highpass crossover must be engaged. Rotate the crossover control fully clockwise (refer to the diagram on page 5). The highpass crossover point is now set at 350Hz. Rotate "Q-Tune™" Control fully counterclockwise. Move crossover switch to the right (ON) position.

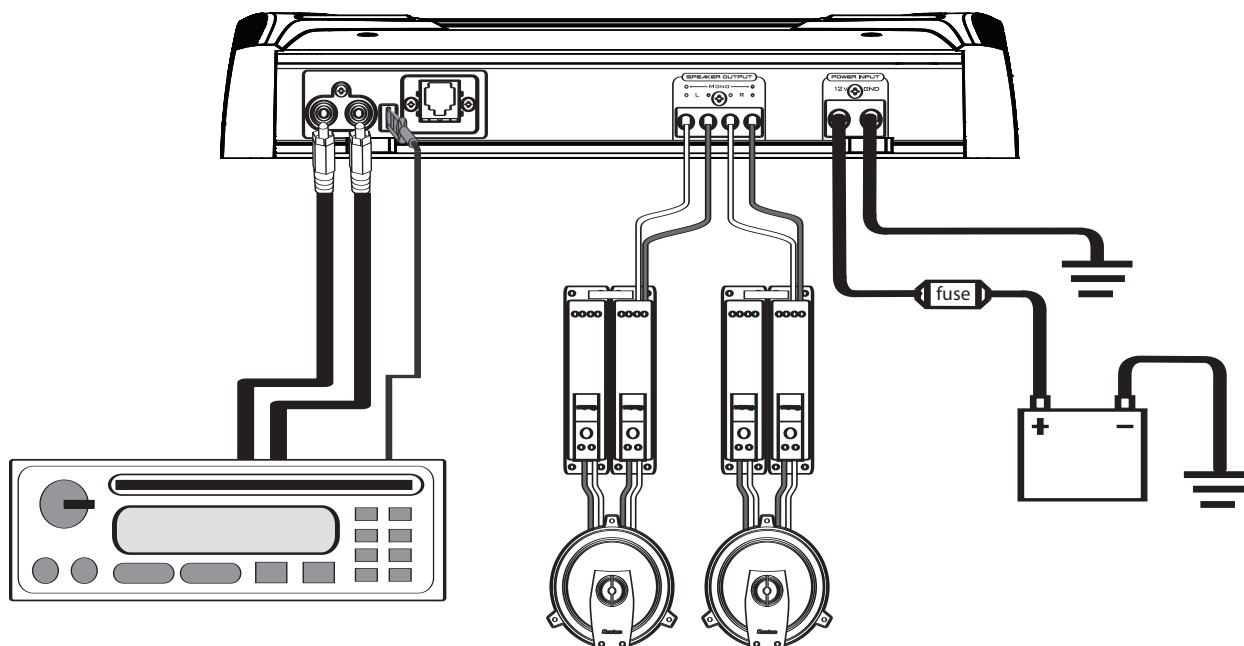
Slowly rotate the input sensitivity control clockwise until maximum undistorted playing level is heard from the speakers. Listen closely for bottoming from the speakers. If detected, rotate the input sensitivity control counterclockwise until it is eliminated. Slowly rotate the highpass crossover control counterclockwise while listening for bottoming. You are lowering the crossover point, which means that more bass signal is being sent to the speakers. If bottoming is detected, rotate the input sensitivity control counterclockwise until it is eliminated and/or rotate the Highpass crossover control clockwise to raise the crossover point.

8) Q-Tune™ Control

Once the highpass crossover point has been determined, use the Q-Tune™ control (refer to the diagram on page 5) to increase the bass information centered around the crossover point.

Setting the Q-Tune™ control is done in conjunction with setting the levels on the input sensitivity and highpass crossover frequency controls. You may find while setting the Q-Tune™ that over-excursion may be detected in the front speakers; lowering the Q-Tune™ input sensitivity or raising the highpass crossover point will eliminate this. Minor adjustments to each setting are required to fine-tune the system.

Setting the Q-Tune™ is a subtle process. It is recommended that the Q-Tune™ setting be left in the 0.7 position and adjusted only after the input sensitivity and highpass crossover ranges are known. Small adjustments to the Q-Tune™ setting are all that are required to fine-tune the system.



2-Channel Operation Wiring Configuration Diagram

Tuning The Amplifier - Subwoofer (s)

1) Input Switch

Move switch to the right-hand (MONO) position (refer to the diagram on page 5); the inputs are summed to mono. Connect the subwoofer to the speaker output terminals marked for mono operation. NOTE: Subwoofer impedance is 2 ohms minimum.

2) Head Unit

The head unit should have all controls such as bass, treble, balance, and fader set to the flat or centered position. The volume control should be at the minimum setting. If the head unit has any equalization or bass management features such as *boost*, they should be deactivated at this time. Turn head unit on, and verify that the RED status LED (logo) is illuminated on the amplifier.

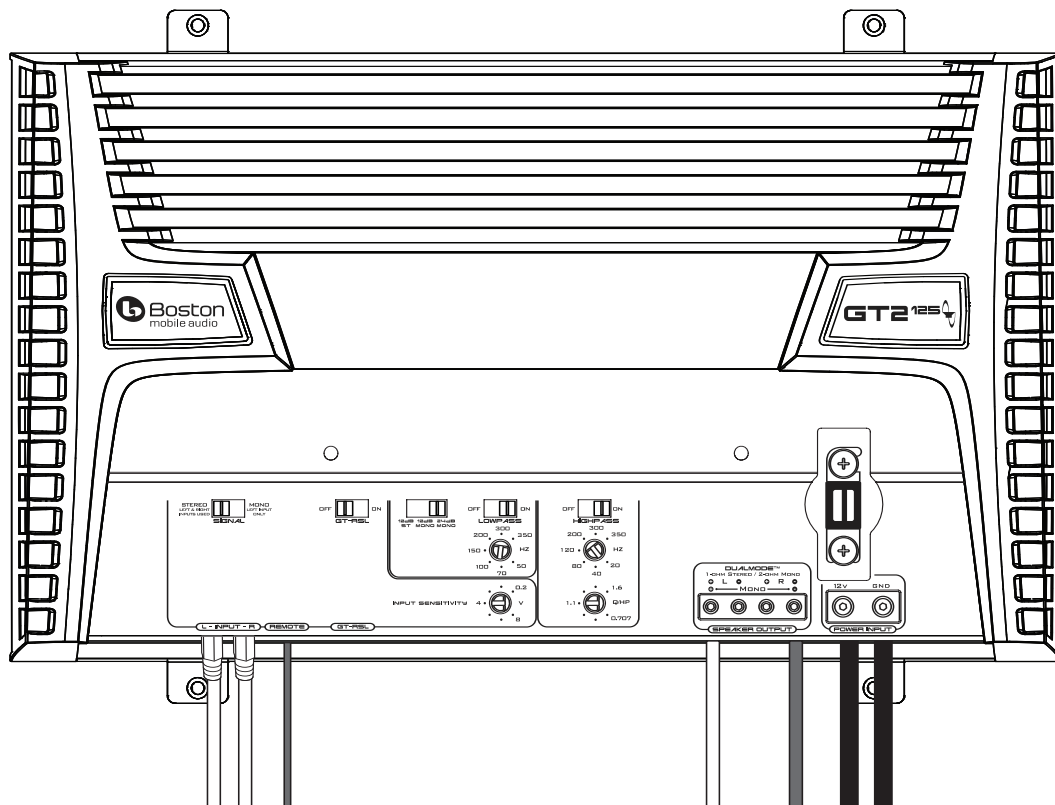
3) Volume

With the chosen musical track playing, turn the head unit volume control up until the maximum level of undistorted signal is heard from the speakers. For most head units, this will be at the end of the volume control range.

WARNING! A distorted signal from the head unit sent to the amplifier can cause speaker failure at higher listening levels.

4) Input Sensitivity Control

Turn control (refer to the diagram on page 5) all the way counterclockwise (minimum position). In this position, the amplifier will be less sensitive to the input signal from the head unit. Slowly rotate this control clockwise until maximum undistorted playing level is heard from the subwoofer(s). Listen closely for faults such as bottoming from the subwoofer(s). If fault is detected, rotate input sensitivity control counterclockwise until fault is eliminated. At this point, the maximum undistorted subwoofer playing level has been defined.



Bridged Lowpass with Q-Tune™ Switch Configuration Diagram

Tuning The Amplifier - Subwoofer (s)

5) Lowpass Crossover Control

Move the selector switch to "ON" (refer to the diagram on page 5). In this setting, lowpass signal is sent to the speaker outputs. Experiment with the crossover point settings while the subwoofer is active. A higher setting will increase the perceived output, and a lower setting will make the bass response more omnidirectional. 12 or 24dB crossover slopes are available. Depending on your installation and listening preferences, one will work more effectively.

6) Highpass Crossover Control

With some subwoofer applications, it may be necessary to use the highpass crossover to protect the subwoofer from over-excursion. Move the selector switch to "ON" (refer to the diagram on page 5) The highpass should be set to the tuning frequency (vented) or the FS of the subwoofer (sealed or freeair) If you are using a Boston Acoustics® subwoofer, the correct highpass frequency and Q-Tune™ settings for that enclosure are outlined in the subwoofer's owners manual.

7) Q-Tune™ Control

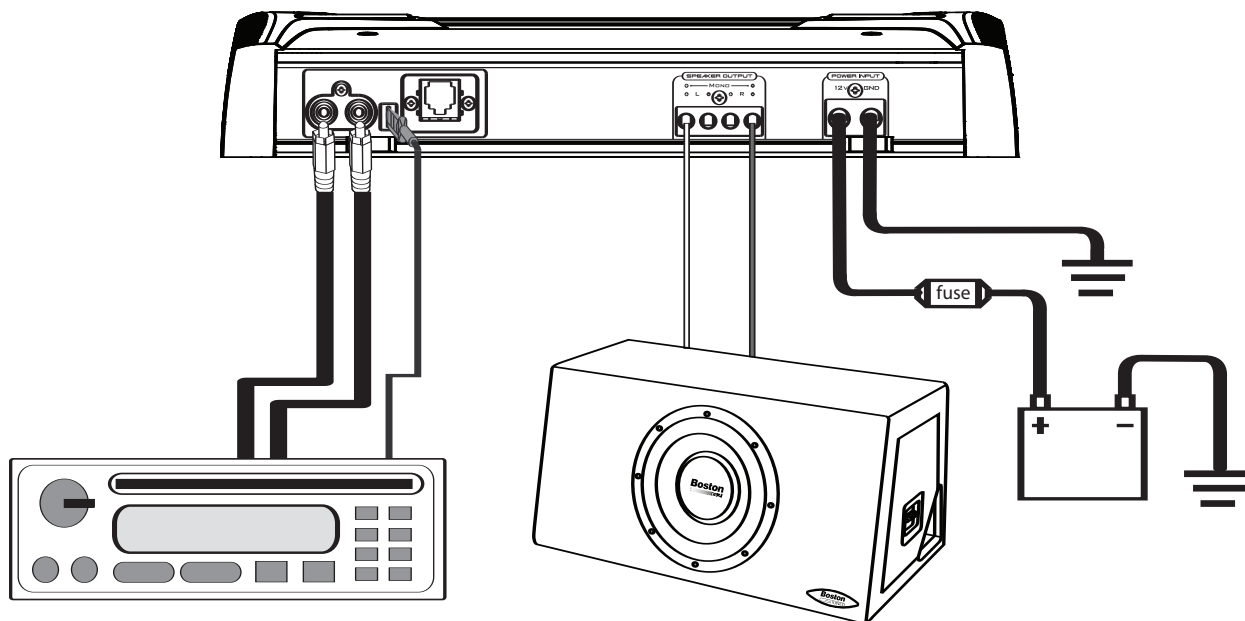
Once the highpass crossover point has been determined, use the Q-Tune™ control (refer to the diagram on page 5) to increase the bass information centered around the highpass crossover point.

Setting the Q-Tune™ control is done in conjunction with setting the levels on the input sensitivity and highpass crossover frequency controls. You may find while setting the Q-Tune™ that over-excursion may be detected in the subwoofer (s); lowering the Q-Tune™ input sensitivity or raising the highpass crossover point will eliminate this. Minor adjustments to each setting are required to fine-tune the system.

Setting the Q-Tune™ is a subtle process. It is recommended that the Q-Tune™ setting be left in the 0.7 position and adjusted only after the input sensitivity and highpass crossover ranges are known. Small adjustments to the Q-Tune™ setting are all that are required to fine-tune the system.

8) RSL Control

The remote level control (GT-RSL) gives you independent level adjustment of the subwoofer's output level beyond the standard system volume control. Please refer to the RSL's manual for installation instruction. The GT-RSL is available separately, please consult your authorized Boston Acoustics dealer.



Bridged Operation Wiring Configuration Diagram

Amplifier Troubleshooting Guide

Status LEDs on Amplifier not Lit—Head Unit (Source) Turned “ON”

Verify Remote turn-on wire from source to amplifier has proper voltage
Power (B+) connections at amplifier, terminal blocks, and battery are secure
Ground (GND) connections at amplifier and vehicle chassis are secure
Battery B+ fuse and amplifier fuse are OK
B+ at battery and B+ at amplifier have proper voltage

Status LEDs Lit, no Output from Speakers—Speakers in Normal Operating Condition

Verify High-level cables from speaker(s) to amplifier are securely connected
RCA cables from amplifier to source are securely connected
Sensitivity adjustment on amplifier is correctly adjusted

Engine Noise from Speaker(s)

Turn source “OFF” and disconnect RCA cables at amplifier
If noise stops, check equipment and cables leading to amplifier
Verify RCA cables are of good quality with no breakage to internal shields
RCA cables from source to amplifier are not run alongside power

Amplifier Output Distorted—Music not Recorded with Intentional Distortion

Verify Source output to amplifier is not distorted
Amplifier input sensitivity is correctly adjusted

Amplifier Shutting Down, Red Blinking and Orange LEDs Lit—Amplifier in Thermal Protection Mode

Verify Amplifier is mounted with adequate air circulation around vents
Amplifier does not have obstructions blocking back or side panel vents
Amplifier is not mounted under carpet
Speakers meet correct impedance for application (mono or stereo hookup)

Amplifier not Turning “ON”, Orange LED Lit—Amplifier not Connected to a Shorted Speaker

Verify Speaker crossover is not defective
High-level cables from speaker to amplifier are not shorted

Amplifier not Turning And Both LED (s) Blinking—Speakers, Crossovers, and Cable OK

Verify Internal fuse needs to be replaced
Replace fuse with fuse of same value

Amplifier not Turning “ON”, Orange LED Lit—Speakers, Crossovers, and Cable OK

Amplifier requires service

If Service Seems Necessary

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